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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen's Meeting Room

BOS Regular Meeting called to order by Chairman Cronin at 7:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Minutes:

- a. Minutes from the Selectmen's Regular Meeting of May 6th, 2015, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.
- b. Minutes from Selectmen's Meeting with Department Heads of May 6, 2015, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries
- c. Minutes from Selectmen's Joint Meeting with the Planning Board motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.
- d. Minutes from the Selectmen's Quarterly Joint Meeting with the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries

Warrants:

Warrant #46A-15, in the amount of \$76,639.41, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis and seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Warrant #46B-15, in the amount of \$123,901.88, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis, seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Warrant #46C-15, in the amount of \$ 2,149,108.00, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis, seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Warrant #46D-1, in the amount of \$1,626.45, motioned for approval by Selectman Tanis and seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Correspondence:

None.

Announcements are read in their entirety by Matt Tanis

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a. Request from Home Depot to waive the building permit fee for housing rehab happening in town. The letter is read by Chairman Cronin in its entirety. Chairman Cronin says he knows that this is for a veteran and states that he will entertain a motion to waive. Selectman Menges motions for approval to waive the building permit fee and Selectman Tanis seconds the motion. Unanimously carries.

Reports:

Selectman Menges speaks of the tour of Industrial Facility at 620 Spring Street Dighton by Selectman Menges.

He states that members of the Development and Industrial Commission went to the site of the former Mount Hope Finishing Company and met with Peter Merrigan who was representing the owner. He says he and Chairman Brian Brown, accompanied by Pamela Waller, Vicki Piazza, Gregory Olsen and Jim Aguiar. He says they met in the conference room on the Spring Street level. 78% of building is occupied. There is 50,000 square feet of viable space for new industries. The tour was very instructive.

There is an area dedicated to revitalizing auto parts. Then, there is an industry devoted to electronics. It is remarkable how compatible these industries are under the same roof.

Vicki Piazza, who was a municipal planner for Sunnyvale CA, suggested that some the areas of the plant that are available, are great for startup garages. We were very impressed with Mr. Merrigan's company's efforts to update the plant. We will make its availability known. We do want to thank Mr. Merrigan for his hospitality. It is obvious he has the best interest of Dighton at heart. We especially looked at the clock tower in the center of the old complex. There have been offers made to relocate the clock to other locations. We look forward to the eventual restoration of the clock.

We will be communicating with Mr. Merrigan to market the remaining space in the building.

Acknowledgements

An anonymous donation to the Council on Aging for \$28.00. A motion to acknowledge is made by Selectman Tanis and seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School local History Class visit on May 8th. A Selectman Menges says it began at Dighton Rock State Park. The class also visited the Dighton Community Church and the site of the Council Oak. He adds that it was a very nice day - They then went on to Anawan Rock in Rehoboth and then back to the school. We have to commend Mr. Mello - for his commitment to teaching History to the students. Chairman Cronin asks how many were in the class. Selectman Menges says approximately twenty five.

Chairman Cronin speaks of the dedication of POW MIA chair on Saturday, May 9th
We want to thank the 100 plus attendees. Also, thank you to the Taunton Area Vietnam Vets, The Patriot Riders, Veteran's Agent Don Hirschy, Jack Taylor Jim Aguiar and Mike Rose and family.

Chairman Cronin says the chair has been set up in the foyer. It is a reminder for our politicians to never give up the search for the missing, and a reminder to our POW's there is always a place for them to come home to. Selectman Menges wants to personally commend the junior member of this board for his quick level-headed response, when a member of the color guard succumbed to a faint while standing at attention. His actions made it possible for those of us that were concerned to carry on, knowing that the cadet was in good hands. For as long as he has been able to be a first responder, he has done so. Selectman Tanis thanks Patrick.

Selectman Tanis says the ceremony was very moving and touching. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Selectman Menges says it was very nice. Three badges were awarded at the ceremony. He adds that the Eagle Scouts had a very entertaining presentation.

Thomas Munroe for renovations to animal shelter, Kris Munroe for work done at the Veteran's Memorial and Justin Kadima who landscaped at the church. Also, thank you Reverend Dave Stewart of the Community Church.

We will correct the typographical error on the award certificates when they are brought back to the office.

Thank you to Mr. Nardoizzi for giving us the name of a Curry College student who may become our new intern for the Cable Committee. Selectman Menges says we need an extra pair of hands. Mr. Nardoizzi says that some of his students did not have driver's licenses. But he did have an alumnus, a student at Curry College and we emailed him today and as soon as he responds, we will hook him up with Ed Olney and Jim Ready so he will be able to assist to cover Selectmen's meetings and occasions.

Karin Rose, our Environmental Science teacher will be in touch to supply Bill Frenette with another student who is eager to see what Conservation commission does.

Public Input
(none)

Chairman Cronin asks for parting remarks,

Selectman Menges simply calls to everyone's attention that Memorial Day is coming. We will have a joint parade with Rehoboth this year. Also the Special Town meeting will be held May 27th, here at Town Hall. He adds that the Cow chip festival will be held May 29, 30 and 31st. And finally the Annual Town Meeting on the 1st of June.

Chairman Cronin would like to thank all participants and people who showed up at the pavilion. Well done by Don Hirschy our veteran's agent. For those who did not get there, you missed a good time - one of the best I've seen.

Selectman Tanis motions to adjourn. Selectman Menges seconds.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant


Dean V. Cronin-Chairman


Matthew W. Tanis-Member


Patrick W. Menges-Clerk